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UDWR TO HOLD ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKPOINT ON I-15

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Public Notice

Law enforcement officers with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) will conduct an administrative check point on I-15 at the northbound port of entry near St. George on June 17, 2011. Officers will inspect all watercraft being transported into the state for the presence of Zebra and Quagga mussels. Invasive mussels represent a serious threat to Utah's waterways and infrastructure. Preventing their spread into Utah is a high priority with UDWR conservation officers.

Lieutenant Scott Dalebout states, "Anyone transporting watercraft into Utah should expect to be stopped so that their craft may be thoroughly inspected." Individuals found transporting mussels are subject to prosecution.

Public cooperation is integral to successfully keeping mussels out of Utah. Boaters can do their part by ensuring that they clean, drain and dry their vessels after each use.

This checkpoint is being established in accordance with 77-23-104(2) vii, Utah Code Annotated. A copy of the magistrate approved Administrative Traffic Checkpoint Plan will be available for inspection at the checkpoint.

